



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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Wet Conditions Persist, but Farmers Push Forward

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 27, 2014**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Yr Avg.
	(percent)			
Corn Planted	73	60	67	79
Corn Emerged	57	41	34	55
Cotton Planted	12	3	14	13
Peanuts Planted	12	N/A	0	2
Soybeans Planted	9	3	3	5
Winter Wheat Headed	51	23	42	58
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	(percent)				
Corn	0	0	29	66	5
Winter Wheat	1	3	21	61	14
Livestock	1	2	27	56	14
Pasture & Range	1	4	34	44	17

SOIL MOISTURE

Topsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	3
Short	0	0	17
Adequate	66	48	63
Surplus	34	52	17

Subsoil	This Week	Previous Week	5-Year Average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very Short	0	0	N/A
Short	1	2	N/A
Adequate	67	53	N/A
Surplus	32	45	N/A

GENERAL:

According to the National Agriculture Statistics Service's Alabama Field Office, there were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 27, 2014. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.00 inches of rain in Mobile to 0.95 inches in Muscle Shoals. Average mean temperatures ranged from 64.3°F in Muscle Shoals to 71.1°F in Mobile.

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

"Rainfall amounts early in the week were well short of predictions allowing farmers a quicker turn around and access to the fields. The week was consumed with spraying and fertilizing pastures and cutting ryegrass for hay and baleage." **Henry Dorough, ACES REA - District 20 & 30**

"Some fertilization was done this past week as pastures, in places, were dry enough to spread fertilizer and lime." **Jack Tatum, ACES REA - District 20 & 30**

"Both counties received a little over 2 inches this past week. Our high temperature was in the low 80's and the low was in the mid 30's. Cattle prices were holding excellent."

Carol Gay, Clay & Randolph County CED - District 30

"Little to no rain last week. Field conditions were improving."

Marie Headley, Bibb & Perry County CED - District 30 & 40

"Weather conditions improved for fieldwork to progress. Cotton planting got underway as well as some peanuts. Most corn planting was finished last week. The service center received 0.1 inches of rain for the week." **Jeffery Smith - Coosa, Elmore & Tallapoosa Counties CED - District 30 & 40**

"Drier weather allowed some field work. Warmer weather also allowed forages to grow and reduced stress on livestock." **Jimmy Smitherman, ACES CEC - District 40**

"Farmers were trying to get in the fields to fertilize, spray herbicides, perform tillage operations and plant. The weather was simply not cooperating. Most prep work would have already been accomplished at this time; however, April has come and gone with little to no field work accomplished at this time of year. Farmers are now pushing their equipment and help to the limit to get some things done before the next rain. Several farmers were getting stuck in fields as they diligently attempted to get peanuts and cotton in the ground. The wet weather was also causing delays in getting lime applied to fields prior to planting. We are in dire need of 3 weeks of dry conditions." **Brandon Dillard, ACES REA - District 60**

"Rainfall held up corn planting earlier in the week." **Rudy Yates, ACES REA Greene & Marengo Counties - District 40**

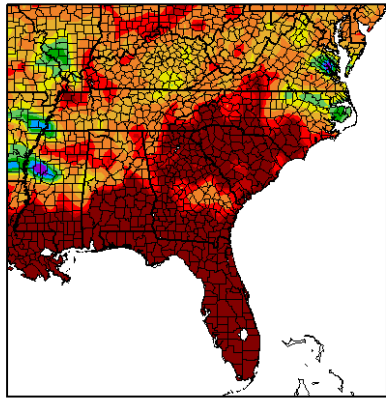
"We've had a surplus of rain. Pastures and cropland have water standing in fields." **Karin Knowles, Covington County CED - District 60**

"Cattle were showing signs of improvement after a hard cold winter. Row crop farmers were able to get some work done with some good drying conditions this past week." **Willie Durr, ACES CEC - District 60**

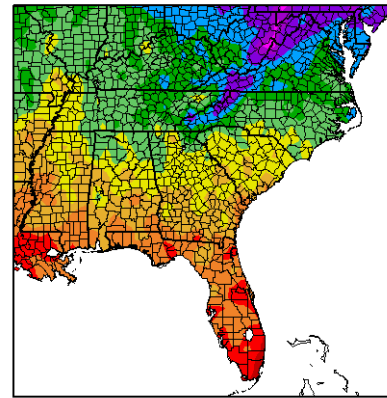
Southeastern U.S. Precipitation & Average Temperature

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/>

Precipitation (in)
4/21/2014 - 4/27/2014



Temperature (F)
4/21/2014 - 4/27/2014



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U.S. Drought Monitor - April 22, 2014

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Condition (Percent Area):

Week	Date	Nothing	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4/22/2014	94.90	5.10	1.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week	4/15/2014	96.02	3.98	1.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago	1/21/2014	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year	12/31/2013	97.35	2.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year	10/1/2013	96.85	3.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago	4/23/2013	95.96	4.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Intensity:

■ D0 - Abnormally Dry
■ D1 - Moderate Drought
■ D2 - Severe Drought

■ D3 - Extreme Drought
■ D4 - Exceptional Drought



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